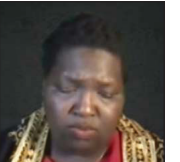




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William (Bill) Duncan, III, Dies



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

Bill Duncan

William (Bill) Wallace Duncan III, 72, died peacefully on March 5, 2021, after his struggle with Covid-19, with his wife of 45 years, Shobha Dandeker Duncan by his side, holding his hand.

Bill was a very important member of the original Greenbelt Community Foundation and ran Proposal Writing workshops for the organization. His involvement in the community ran deep.

Bill was born in Baltimore on January 7, 1949, where he grew up with his younger sister, Linda Rhine. He completed his B.S. in business in 1971 from American University in Washington, D.C.

A year after he graduated, he met the love of his life on June 24, 1972. Bill and Shobha were married on August 23, 1975 in

See **DUNCAN**, page 4

Where Has All the Vaccine Gone – Long Time Passing?

by Cathie Meetre

This past week saw more of our older population starting and completing their vaccinations and burgeoning growth in the number of shots available – especially as the one-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine joins the mix. In the race to vaccinate, Prince George's County remains in the back of the pack but has in the last 10 or so days almost doubled its previous score to achieve 12 percent or more vaccinated by population

(though several counties have managed more than double that). The most comparable counties in terms of suburban/rural mix, Montgomery and Baltimore, both have rates that look likely to surpass 20 percent by the coming weekend.

One curious aspect of the county's position is that, though they seem to have received their proportional share of the vaccine,

See **VACCINE**, page 8

Joint Report Proposes Balance For Gardens, Forest Preserve

by Matthew Arbach

A spirited discussion was had at the Greenbelt City Council meeting on March 1 concerning a recent report issued jointly by the Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) and the Greenbelt Community Gardens Club (GCGC). The report is an analysis and prescriptive proposal on how best to address the issue of shading that the Forest Preserve (FP) is exerting on the community gardens within their midst, which is impeding growth in the gardens. The crux of the debate centered around whether entire trees need to be cut, or not, in the FP to

solve the problem. Beyond the possible environmental toll, the tree-cutting issue is even more urgent when considering that the FP has already shrunk from 800 to 200 acres over time and that the maglev proposal, if approved, could pose another threat to the FP. The gardens discussed are located at Gardenway, Henry's Hollow (across from the Greenbelt Homes Inc. offices) and Hamilton Place.

Currently, an 8-foot buffer separates the FP from the gardens. Yet, high trees and overhanging limbs are now casting

increased shade. The east and west sections of the gardens are the most impacted by shading with the south having moderate issues and the north very little.

After two rejected options, both of which included significant tree removal, a final plan was presented to council. The plan includes the removal of branches over the 8-foot buffer; the cutting of roughly 150 trees; the conversion of former gardens into forest gardens; the delineation and protection of historical sites

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Former Greenbelter Supports Peace-Prize-Winning Agency

by Cathie Meetre

Colin Hourihan is a senior staff member of the World Food Programme (WFP), which was recently announced as the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize laureate for "its efforts to combat hunger, for its contribution to bettering conditions for peace in conflict-affected areas and for acting as a driving force in efforts to prevent the use of hunger as a weapon of war and conflict."

Hourihan, now in his early 40s, is based at the WFP headquarters in Rome, Italy, and is a veteran of many deployments to the world's most enduring, risky or hardest-hit trouble spots.

A Greenbelt Kid

Hourihan's connection with Greenbelt was made early – from babyhood through sixth grade and also comprised periods in nearby College Park and University Park where his family stayed between his parents' U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) postings.

He remembers Greenbelt as a place that shaped his view of how the world should be. He remembers Halloween in particular as an annual highlight – costumes, parades and candy. He played with friends, gathered with buddies to play ball and felt, perhaps above all, that he was



PHOTO COURTESY COLIN HOURIHAN

Colin Hourihan at Cox's Bazaar Refugee Camp, Bangladesh

safe – a scarce commodity in his future profession.

In a peripatetic life, Greenbelt is the place that still feels like home to Hourihan and is the yardstick against which he com-

pares the lives he sees in countries wracked by war and disaster.

His cousin, Janice Lynch Schuster, who has many Greenbelt and News Review connections, was Hourihan's devoted babysitter while she was a student at Eleanor Roosevelt High School and wrote about him for the Washington Post when the prize was announced (see [washingtonpost.com/opinions/2020/11/02/prince-georges-county-nobel-peace-prize/](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2020/11/02/prince-georges-county-nobel-peace-prize/)).

Nobel Prize

The WFP describes its mission as "saving lives in emergencies and using food assistance to build a pathway to peace, stability and prosperity for people recovering from conflict, disasters and the impact of climate change." Hourihan feels the peace prize to

See **PEACE PRIZE**, page 9

Greenbelt Commits to Improve Landscapes for Pollinators

The Greenbelt City Council unanimously voted on February 22 to become a Bee City USA, joining many other cities and campuses across the country united in improving their landscapes for pollinators. Council's action is the culmination of months of effort by the Department of Public Works, the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) and concerned citizens to accomplish this certification.

Bee City USA is an initiative of the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, a non-profit organization based in Portland, Ore., with offices across the country. Bee City USA's mission is to galvanize communities to sustain pollinators by provid-

ing them with healthy habitat, rich in a variety of native plants and free of insecticides. Pollinators like bumble bees, sweat bees, mason bees, honey bees, butterflies, moths, beetles, flies, hummingbirds and many others are responsible for the reproduction of almost 90 percent of the world's flowering plant species and one in every three bites of food we consume.

Council's vote was made after a proposal by Environmental Coordinator Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll was submitted to council.

Mayor Colin Byrd said, "Our city council let it be known that we understand the importance of sustaining pollinators and that we

See **POLLINATORS**, page 11

What Goes On

**Wednesday, March 17
8 p.m.** City Council Worksession: 7010 Greenbelt Rd. Development, Requests for City Support

All council meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.



PHOTO BY BRIAN BUTLER

Rebekah Sutfin and Brian Butler deliver food to John Henry Jones (center). See story, page 12.

Letters to the Editor

Evidence Needed

In the March 4 edition, Anonymous writes that temperature screens are an effective means for stopping the spread of Covid-19. Is that true? Much of the spread of Covid-19 is by asymptomatic carriers (i.e., no fever). Furthermore, young adults (high school students?) typically have mild to no symptoms when they are infected by Covid-19. Here is one study that supports my statements: <ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7403846/>.

Furthermore, in my search of the CDC website, I did not find that the CDC recommends temperature screening.

I invite the anonymous writer to submit evidence to support their statements.

Alex Barnes

More Perspectives On Police Reform

Thank you, reporter Kathleen Gallagher, for the insightful and factual article in the February 25 News Review on the report to city council by Police Chief Richard Bowers on the crime statistics within the various sections of Greenbelt over the previous year. Without repeating all the statistics here, it should be noted that overall crime went up 38 percent and 19 percent in Greenbelt West and Greenbelt East, respectively, along with corresponding increases in property crimes in 2020 from 2019. Violent crime increased 73 percent in Greenbelt West, though violent crime went down 100 percent in Greenbelt Station. Some of the property crimes in all of Greenbelt had to do with vehicles.

Bowers also pointed out that homicide rates went up 65 percent and car jackings up 70 percent in Prince George's County.

WTOP recently aired a piece entitled Disturbing Trend. It re-

ported on our neighboring Montgomery County and its county council meeting with their Police Chief Marcus Jones. He reported that in Montgomery County there had been seven homicides just during the month of January of this year. In 2020 there was a 40 percent jump in armed robberies. Car jackings and property crimes also had risen.

The spike in crimes comes as police departments in the entire Washington, D.C., metro region face challenges in recruiting and retaining law enforcement officers. Jones stated, "More officers are resigning or retiring early for various reasons due to intense public and media scrutiny of policing practices." What's equally challenging for Greenbelt is that there are many other law enforcement jurisdictions (local, state, federal) all within the same region competing for the limited number of new police recruits.

With increases in crime, the heightened criticism of law enforcement in general, and recruitment and retention challenges that our city police and other local jurisdictions face, now is not the time to bog down our police departments with additional bureaucratic and administrative "so-called reforms."

Robert Snyder

Article on Police CBA Hearing Incomplete

It is clearly evident to me that the Greenbelt News Review is not an independent news source and they do not report the true and complete facts to the public. At the recent Public Hearing on the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) held February 17, 2021, Claudia Jones spoke out in support of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) and presented her position, the content of which was not fully disclosed. Jones stated that she felt that the city

manager should not be the sole decision maker regarding the selection of the police chief and that this action should instead be a joint effort between the city manager, FOP and city council. Jones was in agreement with previous comments made by Robert Snyder. Snyder's comments in support of city manager and FOP collaboration along with police body cameras were also omitted from the article. Furthermore Jones stated her support of police body cameras being worn at all times. And the right for police officers to strike. The News Review only reported that "Resident Claudia Jones felt that investigations of misconduct should not be public and that the expunging of records after three years should be retained." The omission of the complete record of Jones' and Snyder's commentary regarding the selection of the police chief demonstrates that the newspaper is biased in its reporting of the record as it relates to the CBA. By choosing to present only certain selected information in its reporting the newspaper caters to only one side of the true story. It is unfortunate that the public at large is not afforded an opportunity to learn the complete story of what was actually presented at the public hearing. In these times of political turmoil, it should be the objective of the News Review to report the facts as they are presented and not to present only one side of the story.

Note: The article may have been submitted by the writer with all relevant facts presented, however omissions may have occurred during the editing process which fails to present the complete context of the public hearing.

Scott Legendre

Correction

In the story in the issue of March 4 on Page 1, Greenbelt Businesses Express Gratitude for City Grants, the amount ultimately awarded to local businesses was \$15,000 for each business.

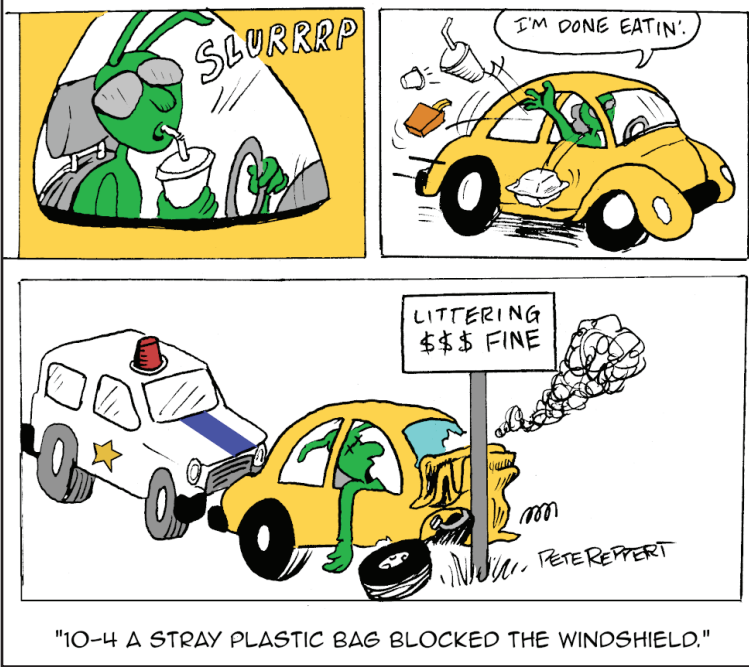
Clarification

Last week's opinion piece by Nancy Bagwell was a reprint of the testimony against the maglev that she had previously sent to the Maryland Legislature.

Not clear in the piece is the fact that the Greenbelt, and WSSC, drinking water comes from the Patuxent and Potomac Rivers with intakes far upstream from Greenbelt and the proposed maglev route through Greenbelt.



Instant Karma



"10-4 A STRAY PLASTIC BAG BLOCKED THE WINDSHIELD."

Letters Policy

Deadline for letters is 6 p.m. Monday. Submission does not guarantee publication. Letters should be no longer than 300 words (shorter letters are more likely to be published).

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All letters must include the letter writer's name, physical address, and telephone number. Only the name will be published; the News Review will consider requests for the name to be withheld.

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Water Main Break



Water cascades down the hillside above the Lake path on Monday, March 8, due to a water main break.

PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Community Events

CAG’s Next Meeting Is on Microaggression

Join Connecting Across Greenbelt (CAG) in monthly meetings that promote a lively community conversation as a way to think together, connect with neighbors, forge paths to equity in our area and creatively deepen our support within our community, to enhance quality of life through connections and relationships. This month focuses on microaggression – everyday slights that communicate negative messages to a member of a marginalized group. CAG is a multi-cultural, multi-racial and multi-generational group of residents who gather virtually to build relationships across neighborhoods and to understand current challenges for all Greenbelters. The group is building a resource of research-tested coping strategies for self-care and stress management called the Caring and Connecting Toolkit (bit.ly/CAGtoolkit). Share ideas with the group and help build resources together. To find out about the group’s monthly meetings – this month’s meeting on Thursday, March 18 will focus on microaggression – email communityconnectionsbg@gmail.com.

Porch Collection Of Food Donations

RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) will be rolling out Porch Greenbelt this month. Porch is an all-volunteer hunger relief program that provides healthy food to neighbors who are food insecure by supplementing the St. Hugh of Grenoble Food Pantry. It is built around the simple idea of a neighborhood food drive. Once a month, on a designated day, residents will place non-perishable food donations on their front porch. A volunteer coordinator will go from porch to porch from 2 to 5 p.m. and collect the food donations. The donated food will be transported to the St. Hugh of Grenoble Food Pantry where it will be distributed to Greenbelters who are struggling to get enough food to eat.

The Greenbelt Porch Community will begin in the Woodland Hills and Boxwood Village neighborhoods. Woodland Hills’ designated day will be every second Sunday in each month beginning March 14. Boxwood Village’s designated day will be every third Sunday beginning March 21. The program hopes to become citywide and help many people in the entire Greenbelt community.

As Mother Theresa said, “If you can’t feed a hundred people, then just feed one!”

Anyone with questions or who would be interested in being a volunteer with Porch Greenbelt can contact Robert Goldberg-Strasser at spreadruak@gmail.com.

Is There an Artist Stuck in the House?

Have you taken up a new craft or art since Covid-19 started? The News Review wants to know. Send some (high rez) pictures of your work, and a brief note about the project and its inspiration, to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

How Food Impacts The Environment

On Sunday, March 28 at 7 p.m. two Green Teams will present an Environmental Zoom about how food choices impact the environment. The discussion will focus on what we eat, how we purchase it, and what is best to do with the food we don’t eat. Dr. Luisa Robles, the City of Greenbelt’s sustainability coordinator; John Lippert, the city’s Green Team chair; and Jane Young, co-chair of the Greenbelt Community Church Green Team, will lead the discussion, which will also explore actions that can be taken to lessen adverse human impacts on the environment. Questions and discussion are welcome and encouraged.

This environmental Zoom series is sponsored by the Green Teams of Greenbelt Community Church, UCC and the City of Greenbelt.

RSVP to Jane Young at gccjane@aol.com for Zoom information. Give your username as it will appear in Zoom, or your phone number if you will be calling in.

Golden Age Club

On Wednesday, March 17, the Golden Age Club will be celebrating March birthdays (and maybe St. Patrick’s Day).

On Wednesday, March 24, BINGO. Those who wish to play need to pick up sheets from the Community Center at the east entrance near the News Review office. It is not necessary to come inside the building; participants can stay in their cars.

Pickup days and times are 2 to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 18 or Friday, March 19.

Note: For those unable to pick up the sheets, Becky Sutfin will deliver. Email Becky directly as soon as possible at rsutfin@greenbeltmd.gov and provide the drop-off address.

Women in the Arts Online Panel

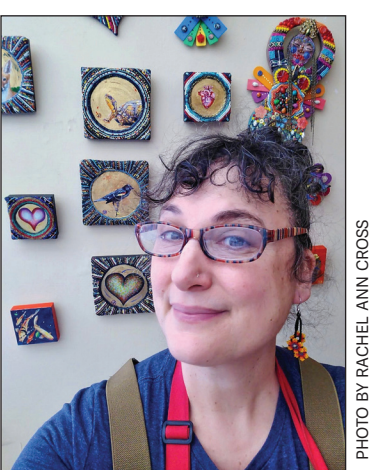


PHOTO BY RACHEL ANN CROSS

Rachel Ann Cross is an artist-in-residence at the Community Center.

Painter and mixed media artist Rachel Ann Cross, an artist-in-residence at the Community Center, will participate in an online Women in the Arts panel discussion on Friday, March 12. This event takes place at 7 p.m., free on Zoom. Registration is required at bit.ly/3l7qFKF. Hosted by artist Jackie Hysted, the panel will discuss creativity, identity and resilience. Additional panelists include blues artist Stacy Brooks, poet Catrice Greer, comic Gigi Modrich, jewelry artist Elaine Robnett Moore and poet Kaja Weeks.

Simple Steps To Stop the Maglev

Are you wanting to take steps against the maglev but don’t know what to do and don’t have much time? Join our Simple Steps to Stop the Maglev! Simple Steps, which can be accomplished in 10 minutes or less (most of the time), are sent three to five days per week and it is optional to follow them. Anyone wanting to join can contact Susan at suzanbwild@gmail.com.

Mishkan Torah Baker Teaches Macaroons

On Sunday, March 21 at 12:30 p.m., master baker Paula Volk will create a Passover classic – the macaroon. For Eastern European Jews, macaroons are a “must have” at the spring holiday of Passover. The traditional version is coconut but Paula’s recipe is for almond macaroons. Passover is the Jewish holiday that commemorates the Biblical story of the Exodus – where God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. The celebration of Passover is prescribed in the Book of Exodus.

RSVP to WaysAndMeans2@mishkantorah.org before March 19. Registrants will be sent the Zoom link and the recipe so that the ingredients can be purchased ahead of time for a bake along with Paula. For other questions, call 301-474-4223 by March 19 or email the RSVP address above.

March Mindfulness

Join Greenbelt Unplugged Sunday, March 14 over Zoom for a special mindfulness session with Lance David Bergeson, director and senior lay instructor at Drikung Dharma Surya Buddhist Center in Fairfax, Va. Bergeson will give an introduction to meditation and mindfulness as practiced in Buddhism. This will be followed by a 20-minute group meditation, and a chance to ask questions. The Zoom session goes from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Contact events@greenbeltunplugged.org for the zoom link.

Fire Department Easter Egg Hunt

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department will hold an Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt on March 27 and 28. Photos with the Easter Bunny will be available. Visit Engine35.com or facebook.com/engine35 for more information.

Survey Requests Input On Electric Vehicles

Do you currently own an electric vehicle or are you considering purchasing one in the future? The Greenbelt Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Planning Group is seeking input from Greenbelt residents to make recommendations to City Council to expand and accelerate the community’s access to electric vehicle charging. Please complete a short survey by Tuesday, March 23 at forms.gle/nWayxKn23sC1NUJ38.

Anyone interested in joining the group to help make Greenbelt more EV friendly can email John Lippert at ecolivingmag@aol.com. The group engages in a Zoom discussion the fourth Thursday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m.

Register for Youth Baseball Little League

2021 Spring registration is now open for Greenbelt Youth Baseball Little League. Programs are available for players 6 to 13 years old. Go to gyblittleleague.org for more information and to register. Contact greenbeltyouthbaseball@gmail.com with questions.

More Community Events
are located throughout the paper.

2021 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Sunday March 21 at 3pm on ZOOM

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This year we will be hosting our Annual Membership Meeting online. To receive a link or phone number to join us on ZOOM please email:
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We will be voting on three Board Member positions. Members will receive a link to vote for candidates the day before the meeting. Nominations will be open until March 14 at 3pm.

ROSE AWARD
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GAC online

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rudemechanicals.com greenbeltartscenter.org

Watch online: Old-Time Radio Shows. Auditions: Doctor Faustus March 22 & 23.

GREENBELT ACCESS TELEVISION
Friday March 12 - Thursday March 18

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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7 am	Greenbelt Newsreel	• Women's History Month Programming
8 am	Democracy Now!	• Repeat of Yesterday's Program
9 am	Utopia Film Festival ★ Selected Documentary	• Opening Our Eyes: Global Stories... Directed by Gail Mooney
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Silver Spring, and lived in Cockeysville, Beltsville, Takoma Park, Hyattsville, Adelphi and for the past 19 years here in his beloved Greenbelt. They were blessed with two sons, Timothy (1979) and Jonathan (1981) whom he loved dearly and took on many camping, sailing, hiking and road adventures over the years.

Bill worked as a carpenter, construction manager and later an affordable housing consultant for the Enterprise Foundation, now named Enterprise Community Partners, in Columbia from 1984 until his retirement 24 years later in 2008. Enterprise is a national nonprofit that addresses America’s affordable housing crisis from every angle, combining 40 years of experience with thousands of local partners.

He and Shobha co-founded Cedar Ridge Community Church in Burtonsville with Brian and Grace McLaren in 1982. Cedar Ridge Community Church is a diverse, open and affirming community of followers of Jesus, sharing God’s love with everyone and working to make the world a better place.

Bill’s and Shobha’s love for one another was clearly evident and an inspiration to many. He truly loved his four grandsons and cherished all his family and friends.

Bill loved nature and being outdoors. He enjoyed hiking, backpacking, traveling and camping in their RV, and most of all, sailing. He has owned several sailboats over the years and al-

Library System Strategic Plan

PGCMLS announces the launch of its Strategic Framework 2021-2024, which will guide the work of the library over the next three years. The framework provides a foundation for ongoing collaborations between PGCMLS staff, the Board of Library Trustees and community members to strengthen the library’s role as a responsive and trusted community-driven organization.

Community members may explore the library’s new Strategic Framework Microsite, pgcmls.libnet.info/strategic-plan/strategic-plan, to learn more about the library’s path into the future. Feedback and suggestions are welcome and may be submitted to pr@pgcmls.info.



Bill and Shobha Duncan at their wedding

ways enjoyed taking adventurous people on exciting trips on the Chesapeake Bay.

Bill’s nephew, James Rhine, in his remembrance of his uncle, noted, “Some of the best memories of my entire life have been with Bill. We’ve stayed up until the very late hours of the morning sharing scotch and deep conversations – one of my favorite things to do. We’ve watched election returns together, hiked together, feasted together, sailed together and partied together.”

He is survived by his loving wife, Shobha, their two sons Tim and his wife Aida of Bethesda and Jon and his wife Tiffany of

Evans, Ga., and four grandsons – Tim, Bijhan, Alex and Jordan – and his sister, Linda Rhine of Canyon Lake, Calif., as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends all over the world.

Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present. You write it or we will if you prefer. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

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The Bible Says...
Lent-Week #4
All of us like sheep have gone astray,
Each of us has turned to his own way;
But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all
To fall on Him(Jesus)
Isaiah 53:6

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Confessions Saturday 3pm - 4pm

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GCC Agape Services

Greenbelt Community Church continues their Lenten Agape sessions Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. The Board of Worship will lead attendees in a time of reflection, followed by an opportunity for personal sharing and support, ending in prayer. The last week before Easter there is no Wednesday service. Instead, a special Maundy Thursday service is offered on April 1 at the same time. Easter Sunday’s celebration on Sunday, April 4 begins at 10:15 a.m. Those who are not members of the church are invited to join any of these services on Facebook “live” at [greenbeltucc](https://www.facebook.com/greenbeltucc).



Our Neighbors

Sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of Bill Duncan who died of Covid-19 on March 5.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.



Spaghetti Dinner

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church will host its Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, March 27 from 4 to 6 p.m. The dinner will include garlic bread, salad, spaghetti with meat or vegetarian sauce and a dessert. Come out and support Mowatt at 40 Ridge Road. Call the office at 301-474-9410 to reserve a meal. Reservations must be received by Monday, March 22. Pick up your dinner at the Ridge Road entrance. A donation is suggested.



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40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

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March 14 10 a.m.
"It's Been A Year!"

Led by members of Paint Branch with Worship Associate Susannah Schiller

It's been a year (A YEAR!!!) since the world shut down for COVID. Many of us were touched directly by sickness or death, and all of us have been affected by isolation and fear. Today's service will commemorate what we've lost and learned, and celebrate how our UU faith and this Paint Branch community have helped us cope.

ONLINE ONLY. Streaming information at <http://pbuuc.org/news/>



City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR MARCH 15-19

Monday, March 15 at 7:00pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES** *On the Agenda: - Finalize plans for the Arbor Day event on April 10, 2021*

Tuesday, March 16 at 7:00pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** *On the Agenda: Continued talk of Mayor Byrd's Police Reform Initiative*

Wednesday, March 17 at 7:30pm, **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD** *On the Agenda: YAC Liaison Update, 2021 PRAB Objectives and Recreation Department Update*

Wednesday, March 17 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: 7010 Greenbelt Road Development Proposal – Requests for City Support***Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and Streaming at www.greenbeltnmd.gov/municipaltv*

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltnmd.gov.

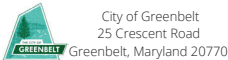
This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000. For information on public participation for the virtual meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at www.greenbeltnmd.gov.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on:

- Advisory Committee on Education
- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Elections
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- SCMAGLEV Opposition Task Force
- Youth Advisory Committee

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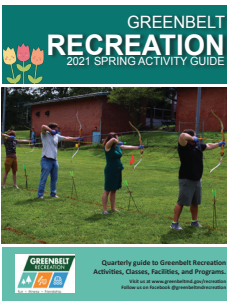
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SPRING ACTIVITY GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE!

Classes begin the week of March 22, 2021
Check out our Spring 2021 Activity Guide available at www.greenbeltnmd.gov/recreation
Explore our Activity Guide for lots of options for all ages and interests. We offer seasonal special events and varied recreation facilities and classes to provide opportunities for community celebrations, a chance to learn something new



CITY OF GREENBELT GAIL PROGRAM

Volunteers Needed for Produce Distribution!

Lunch will be provided to volunteers.
Service hours can be provided to students.

THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Volunteers Needed: 10 am - 4 pm

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Greenbelt Community Center

15 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt, MD 20770



For more information or to register contact
Haleigh Coar at 240-542-2033 or
hcoar@greenbeltnmd.gov

Greenbelt Residents: Need support with diapers?
Emergency Diaper Distribution Program



In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Greenbelt Nursery Project is supporting Greenbelt families in need of diapers on Thursday, March 18th, 2021

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Please register online at:

<https://forms.gle/Y53vcRBIW8y8rN6g9>

After registering, you will receive pick-up details.

Please note updated eligibility requirements:

- Proof of **Greenbelt** residency (mail from federal, state, or local government agency displaying parent's name and residential address)
- State-issued photo ID
- **Each** child's birth certificate

EVIPG SURVEY

The Greenbelt Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Planning Group (EVIPG) is established for the purpose of creating a comprehensive plan to develop electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure in the City of Greenbelt, and for recommending this plan for adoption by Greenbelt City Council. This survey is to gather information about EVs in Greenbelt.
<https://forms.gle/nWayxKn23sC1NUJ38>

WEED WARRIORS:

Invasive Plant Pull
Saturday, March 13th
10:00am-1:00pm
Buddy Attick Park
555 Crescent Road



Be a part of the community effort to remove invasive plant species from the environment at Buddy Attick Park. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to remove invasive vines from native trees and to pull other invasive plant species. Masks will be required at all times.

Reminders:

- Bring a reusable water bottle
 - Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes
 - Students: bring community-service forms
 - Volunteers must register in order to participate
 - Limited to 25 volunteers
- To Register: Contact
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Free Produce Distribution

MARCH 18, 2021
1:00PM-3:00PM

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SMART CYCLING CLASSES FOR AGES 16+

Confident Riding: Led by a League of American Bicyclist Instructor. This is a blended learning course which combines an online session: Traffic Skills 101 and in-person basic riding drills. This course is for participants who are currently riding and would like to continue learning confident riding skills such as: starting and stopping, turning, weaving, and gradual braking. Helmet and bike required.

Th 3/18; 4/15; 5/20 from 5:30pm-7:30pm R: \$35, NR: \$45
On-site class meets at Beltway Plaza- Back Parking Area.

Traffic Skills: Continuation from Confident Riding, a prerequisite. advanced bike handling drills such as quick stop, rock dodge, and quick turn. Helmet and bike required.

Sa 3/20; 4/17; 5/22 From 10:00am-12:00pm R: \$25, NR: \$35
Location: Meet at Beltway Plaza- Back Parking Area

See www.greenbeltnmd.gov/recreation to register or
call 301-937-2200

P.G. County Schools to Open With Virtual and Hybrid Classes

by Amy Hansen



PHOTO BY AMIE LITTMAN

An Eleanor Roosevelt High School English classroom is set up for hybrid in-person and online learners. Normally each classroom has at least 30 students, often more.

The number of students going back to school this spring in the Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) system is about 30 percent or 36,600, PGCPS CEO Monica Goldson announced at a school system town hall meeting on March 1.

Individual schools may have a different percentage. Eleanor Roosevelt High School Principal Reginald McNeill said that about 15 percent of the 2,600 students who attend the high school answered the survey saying they would come back. So, he is expecting on the order of 390 pupils to be physically in the building in April, “but that could change as we get more accurate numbers.”

The hybrid plans call for the students who attend in person to be in the school building two days a week starting April 8 for phase one (special education, preK – grade 6, grade 12) and

April 15 for phase two (grades 7 – 11). The teachers will be working with both virtual learners and in-person learners simultaneously.

Spring sports are scheduled to resume countywide. According to the PGCPS hybrid plan, coaches may begin in-person afterschool conditioning and outdoor workouts on Wednesday, March 10 for student athletes. Spring sports season practice will begin Tuesday, April 6.

The school system’s spring break is scheduled from Monday, March 29 through Monday, April 5. The last day of school for students will be Tuesday, June 15; for teachers, the last day will be Wednesday, June 16.

In other educational news, the State Board of Education decided at the beginning of March to not require standardized testing this spring. The tests will be postponed until fall and shortened.

Greenbelt Schools’ PTAs Adapt to an Online World

by Melinda Thompson



PHOTO COURTESY TYROME SMITH

Tyrome Smith, Eleanor Roosevelt High School PTSA President



PHOTO COURTESY JESSICA O’ROARK

Jessica O’Roark, Greenbelt Elementary School PTA Vice President

When the pandemic forced schools to shift to online learning this year, the Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs) of some of Greenbelt’s schools took to the medium as well. They are learning how to best communicate with teachers, parents and students without ever seeing them.

Greenbelt Elementary School PTA Vice President Jessica O’Roark said that before the pandemic, their PTA met five times a year in person and now those meetings are all online.

“One of the benefits or kind of one of the perks of being able to do it through Zoom is that it’s actually allowed for teachers to join our meetings,” O’Roark said. “It’s often parents, and our principal and vice principal. Since it’s now on Zoom teachers can access it more easily. Before, they would have had to either stay late after the workday to come to a seven o’clock meeting or come back to school in the evening.”

There has been a similar experience at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS). Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) President Tyrome Smith said that they have more participation in their meetings. “Where we will usually have maybe 20 people, you know, we’re getting 40 people, 50 people a session, which is completely different,” Smith said. “It’s a brand-new way for us to think about.”

Teacher appreciation has been something important to both schools’ PTAs. Food was important for both. Smith said that members of the PTA did a fundraiser to feed the teachers where they raised over \$2,000. Greenbelt Elementary has done gift baskets throughout the school year with items the teachers can choose themselves, O’Roark said.

While communication with the parents and teachers has been easier, it’s been harder to plan for the students.



PHOTO BY KIM KASH

Even a pandemic couldn’t stop the Greenbelt Elementary School PTA Labor Day Booksale. A browser looks for an end-of-summer book on Woodland Way, one of the many sites in the neighborhood where donors set up book displays.

In a normal year, the biggest fundraiser for the elementary school is a used book sale at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. With it being cancelled, they got creative.

“And what we ended up doing was people volunteered to just put out their own books in their front yard and we kind of made a map [where] people could pin their location,” O’Roark said. “And then on that weekend of Labor Day in September, people could just stop in yards and choose books they wanted. And then if they were able to make a donation online, they could.”

Smith said that ERHS has started making the most of technology. They hosted a successful online dance party with DJ Scientific on Discord, and started an eSports league for their students with funding from an Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) grant.

As the plans for hybrid learning are being finalized, the

school’s PTAs are figuring out what they can do to help.

O’Roark said that the PTA is prepared to do whatever the school needs as it transitions to hybrid learning. They’re willing to donate money for masks and school supplies but are waiting to hear what is needed.

“We’re going to be involved in making sure that the communication that goes out to the parents makes sense, that it’s informed,” Smith said. “They forward things to us. We forward it on our particular communications channels, and that’s how we are keeping this going. That’s our job.”

Melinda Thompson is a University of Maryland journalism student writing for the News Review.



PHOTO BY SUSAN TAYLOR

Early blooms bring hope of spring.

Teen Library Resources

Vist pgcmls.info/teens for library resources for teens. Brainfuse HelpNow offers an array of learning resources, including SkillSurfer, a library of lessons, videos, tests and more. The library also helps students prepare for standardized tests and writing college admissions essays through the EBSCO LearningExpress online resource. Prepare for the PSAT/NMSQT, ACT, SAT, AP, ASVAB and more to advance higher education and vocational opportunities. Check the PGCMLS virtual events calendar regularly for related programming, such as virtual career chats and conversations about the college experience.

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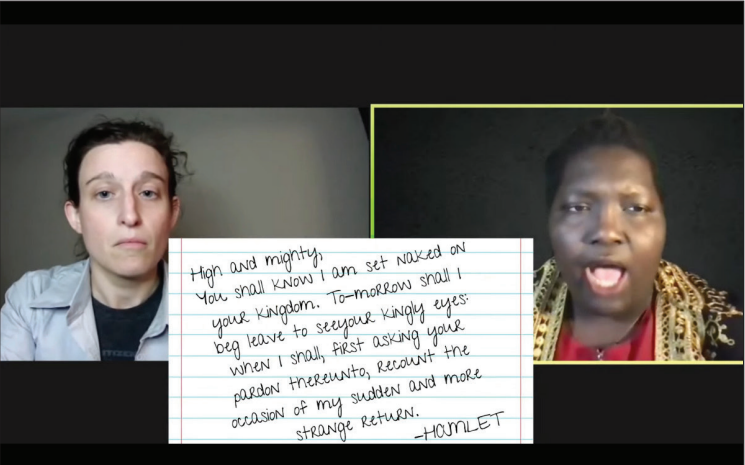
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Next at GAC Is Hamless: Hamlet Without Hamlet



Allison McAlister (Laertes) and Jacqueline Youm (King Claudius) read a letter from Hamlet.

The Rude Mechanicals in residence at Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) will present an innovative production of William Shakespeare’s Hamlet, live online for six performances, opening Friday, March 12. Hamless is an adaptation of Shakespeare’s Hamlet, edited to remove the title character entirely.

While Hamlet never appears onscreen, his presence is felt in every tense moment as his family and friends struggle to keep the peace within the Danish court, avoid a war with Norway and quell a rebellion, all while tiptoeing around young Hamlet’s increasingly unstable moods. In this Zoom adaptation, King Claudius and Queen Gertrude, the Danish courtiers and the Norwegian invaders all speak their minds about the Prince – and each other.

Director Erin Nealer, who adapted the script, said, “This past year has been so full of disconnection, depression and distrust. I couldn’t bring myself to add to our collective malaise by introducing audiences to the moody, volatile Prince Hamlet. The character leads the audience and the rest of the Danish court by the hand to his bleak point of

view. This caused me to question what would happen to the story if I cut out Hamlet’s presence entirely? What would remain?”

She continued, “To my delight, a whole new play emerged from this exercise, one bursting with political intrigue, gossip and poetry that’s often cut in a more traditional version of Hamlet. Without Hamlet’s constant editorializing, the remaining characters can speak for themselves. The cast worked to peel back layers of preconceptions around these famous roles and we spent rehearsals focused on their own actions and words instead of experiencing the show through Hamlet’s jaded, dispassionate lens.”

During Covid-19, the Greenbelt Arts Center is bringing online productions of important works to the residents of Greenbelt and the surrounding area.

There is a suggested donation for viewing the show, which will support both the Greenbelt Arts Center and The Rude Mechanicals. Live online performances are 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, March 12, 13, 19, 20, and 2 p.m. on Sundays, March 14 and 21.

GHI Committee Launches Court Communicator Program

by the GHI Communications Committee

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), consider themselves “a community for people who value community” but they understand that life gets busy and sometimes people need a friendly nudge or helping hand to make the most of this great community. That is why the GHI Member Outreach Committee is introducing the Court Communicator Program.

The role of the Court Communicator is to facilitate communication, encourage cooperative spirit and community, and coordinate activities within a court or group of courts. The duties are to welcome new members to the court and foster community building in the court by encouraging court activities. The Court Communicators should know who lives in the court and assist in bringing court concerns to GHI management, and, most of all, make sure GHI members have the information they need to be satisfied and happy cooperative members.

The program is managed through the Member Outreach Committee. This committee wants to encourage GHI’s many members to get to know their neighbors and help their neighbors get to know one another. Everyone is busy and probably dealing with more stress in the past year than many other years combined. But isn’t this why you moved into a cooperative – to give back to your community in ways that you can? The committee is hoping this program will be an en-

couragement for members to find ways to get together (safely), to be connected and to grow in relationship.

Those who already are an “unofficial” Court Communicator should consider becoming an official one. Whether they realize it or not, they have a lot to offer this group of volunteers and the Member Outreach Committee.

This position is meant to be a positive influence on the court and its activities. The position conveys no power or authority, nor should it be a burdensome role for those who participate. The Court Communicator can help GHI pass along valuable information to members in their court and sometimes be a liaison between the member and GHI to provide information on emergency and city services.

The Member Outreach Committee would like to help the Court Communicators be supported, resourced, valued, connected and inspired. Many members have already been doing these things without being named Court Communicators, and the hope is that many will sign up and help others to learn and grow. More members who care about their neighbors may come forward (some eagerly, others cautiously) to help their courts, groups of courts, super-blocks and the community as a whole flourish and thrive.

Find out more about the program by attending an

informative Zoom session on Monday, March 22 at 7 p.m. Register in advance at us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZlvcOGorDkuGNTi_NJSY3GYIjmFk9IFpuFW.

The Member Outreach Committee can be reached at GHIMemberOutreach@gmail.com to find out more.

City Notes

Park Rangers will expand patrols as attendance by maskless visitors and illegal parking increase. Animal Control set feral cat traps; two captured cats were neutered and released. A kitten was adopted, leaving three cats and three dogs in the shelter. At the Dog Park, Horticulture/Parks removed a deteriorated shed and remediated standing water.

Refuse/Recycling collected 27.24 tons of refuse and 11.90 tons of recyclables. Sustainability/Environmental held a Maglev Task Force meeting and co-presented a workshop on invasive species. Building Maintenance installed a transformer in the Community Center kiln room.

Recreation Administration sought Covid-19 vaccination invitations for non-classified staff. Increasing onsite recreation included Mom’s Morning Out, limited dance classes and Fit Family Hour. Therapeutic Recreation Zoom-monitored meetings and classes and facilitated 34 senior meal deliveries.



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**Greenbelt Federal Credit Union
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chance to win a flat screen TV.

Join 2021 Annual Meeting on March 30th, 2021
and get a second chance to win the TV.

Attendee names will be taken during the meetings
and drawing will be held on March 31st

Have questions? Call us at 301-474-5900

New Listing!

**44B Ridge Road
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**PRELIMINARY AGENDA
GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, March 18, 2021**

A. GHI Special Open Session – starts at 7:00 p.m. (open to members and visitors)

- Approve Motion to Hold Executive Session Meeting on March 18, 2021

B. GHI Executive Session – starts after the GHI Special Open Session meeting adjourns (closed to members and visitors)


- Approve Minutes of Executive Session Meeting held on February 18, 2021
- Request by a Non-Member for Permission to Reside in a GHI Unit
- Contract for Repairing and Waterproofing Gardenside Foundation Wall between Two Larger Townhomes -2nd reading
- Contract for 2021-2022 Waste Disposal Services - 1st reading
- Member Complaint Matters
- Member Financial Matters

C. GHI Regular Open Session – starts at 7:45 p.m. (open to members and visitors)

- Announcement of Executive Session Meetings Held on March 4, 2021 and March 8, 2021
- Announcement of Executive Session Meeting Held on March 18, 2021
- Approve Minutes of Special Open Session Meeting Held on February 18, 2021
- Approve Minutes of Regular Open Session Meeting Held on February 18, 2021
- Task Force Recommendation re: Recreational Vehicle (RV)/Boat Lot Procedures
- Bicycle Committee Proposal to Establish a Bicycle Repair Station
- Buildings Committee Recommendation for Testing GHI's Water Supply
- Consider Filling a Vacant Board Position
- Request for GHI to Sign a Letter to Support Funding of the Cooperative Development Program.
- Request by an External Organization for a Contribution
- Clarification of an Item in the Finance Committee's Recommendation re: Instituting Charges for Processing GHI Permits

You may register in advance for this Zoom meeting on Mar 18, 2021 by accessing the following link:
<https://zoom.us/join/register/tJUkcOCopIqGdWozeCheQJZE3MDtn0qaGCz>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



To request a sign language interpreter for a board meeting, go to <http://www.ghi.coop/content/interpreter-request-form>, contact us by phone (301-474-4161) or fax (301-474-4006).

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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery
March 3, 5:45 a.m., Edmonston Court near Edmonston Road. Two men approached a man who was walking home and demanded his property. He refused, at which time one of them produced a knife and cut him on the arm. He was driven to a local hospital by a family member and police were contacted.

Handgun Arrest
February 25, 9:37 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road. A 26-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with possession of a handgun after a traffic stop. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Theft
February 25, 5902 Cherrywood Terrace. On February 21 a package was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

February 25, 2:18 p.m., 7810 Hanover Parkway. Packages that were supposed to be delivered to a woman were instead given to a man who allegedly showed the delivery person the woman's identification. He fled in a vehicle described as a black Nissan Rogue.

February 26, 5:44 p.m., 7555 Greenbelt Road. An unattended wallet was taken at Subway. A surveillance tape showed the person who did this to be a woman.

February 28, 8003 Lakecrest Drive. A black, red and white Highland 26" bicycle was taken from the patio area of a residence.

Peeping Tom
February 24, 10:30 p.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway. A Peeping Tom/attempted burglary occurred when a woman saw a man staring at her through her first floor bedroom window. He then attempted to gain entry by forcing open the window before he fled.

February 25, 9 p.m., 6622 Lake Park Drive. A woman inside her bedroom observed a man looking at her through her window. She went outside to confront him, at which time he fled on foot, carrying a bag of what appeared to be personal belongings.

Vehicle Crime
There is a change in status for the black 4-door 2019 Toyota Corolla with Maryland tags 6DN0840, previously reported stolen on February 13 in the vicinity of 5915 Cherrywood Terrace and supposedly recovered the same day by Metropolitan Police. That information was sent to Greenbelt Police in error and the vehicle is still missing.

A gray 2011 Toyota Sienna bearing Maryland tags 9DH8708 was stolen from a delivery driver on March 2 from 9120 Edmonston Court. He went to deliver a package and left the engine running with the key in the ignition. As he was returning to the car he saw a man get inside and drive away, last seen headed toward Edmonston Terrace and Springhill Drive.

Three more vehicles were stolen. A gray 4-door 2017 Toyota Corolla with Maryland tags 5DZ4763 was left unlocked and with the engine running on February 25 on Market Lane near Springhill Lane. The person who had left it saw a man in a red vest jacket enter it and drive away.

Also stolen on February 25 was a black 2013 C-70 with Maryland tags 71566HT, left with engine running and key in the ignition at 127 Lakeside Drive. A red 4-door 2010 Honda Accord with Maryland tags 4BK0686 was taken on March 2 from 6001 Cherrywood Court.

Rear Maryland tag 7CV4598 was taken from 7710 Hanover Parkway on February 25 and on February 28 two Maryland tags 1BX0971 were taken from 9136 Edmonston Court.

Four handicap placards were taken from four vehicles at 5811 Cherrywood Lane on February 27 after windows had been broken to gain access. One handicap placard was recovered the same day during a traffic stop by Prince George's County Police in the 6100 block Livingston Road in Oxon Hill.

On February 25 a rear driver's side window was broken and power tools were removed at 5819 Cherrywood Lane.

PEACE PRIZE continued from page 1

him and his colleagues validates their work and shows the world's awareness and appreciation for their labors and sacrifices. It bolsters them as they pursue the difficult and often dangerous quest to improve the living conditions of the many struggling to survive on the brink of catastrophe. He notes with regret that the number of people in the world living in these desperate circumstances has grown significantly over the last year. He sees the effects of increased armed conflict in already impoverished nations being amplified by the impact of the pandemic and the increased incidence of extreme weather events related to climate change. He says, with regret, that he expects this trend will continue to get worse.

Funding WFP
WFP is the world's largest humanitarian agency and depends not on statutory contributions, as the United Nations does for its political programs, but must go directly, each year, cap-in-hand, to international governments to fund its work. Optimistically, perhaps, the Nobel Peace Prize may open those national pockets a little further. Private citizens can also contribute through wfp.org/support-us/stories/donate.

Bred in the Bone
Speaking from his base in Rome, Hourihan said that he grew up in a home where there was a commitment to a better world. His father, Dr. John J. Hourihan, an anthropologist, taught at Maryland, George Washington and Howard universities before moving to USAID. Hourihan tells us, "My father passed away the day after we received the prize. I will always be thankful I got to share that moment with him." Hourihan's mother, Christine Ellen Roach, continues to work providing social safety net services for foster children and veterans on the big island of Hawaii.

The family's regular duty tours abroad brought home to the growing boy a sense of a world wider and much less fair or benevolent than his idyllic Greenbelt existence. His family also found in Greenbelt what he remembers as a much higher than usual percentage of like-minded people that his parents felt comfortable with. In his growing-up world, the emphasis was consistently on helping others and he's always seen that as a priority for his own life.

Threats Worldwide
Hourihan noted that for a while last year, WFP operated the largest airline in the world, chartering so many planes to carry food, medical supplies, personnel and other essentials

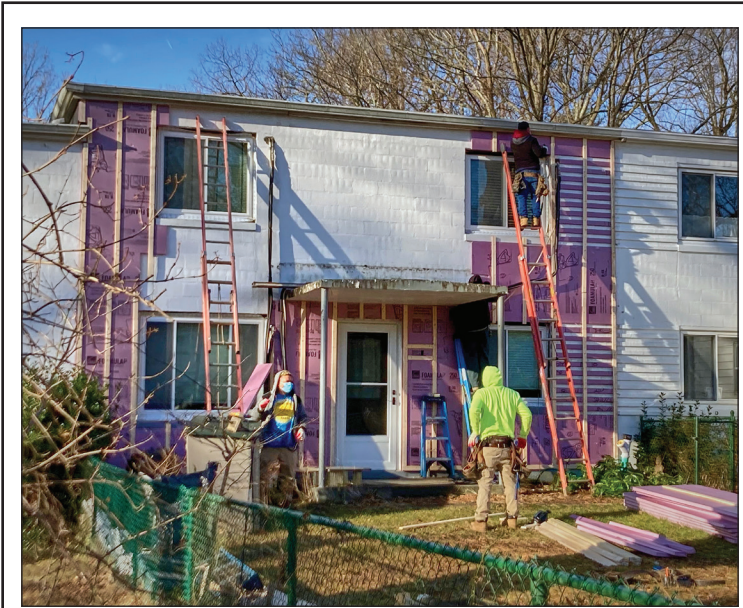


The infant Colin with his parents, John H. Hourihan and Christine Roach (and period wallpaper), circa 1979.

to hard-hit areas that, with commercial flights reduced, it had more planes in the air than any regular airline. Regrettably, he notes, the need to deploy such a service for the global community reflects growing short- and long-term desperate needs. His travels for the agency reflect an itinerary of mayhem, strife and destruction that include Afghanistan, the Libyan border with Egypt during Arab Spring, South Sudan and Bangladesh plus the Philippines and the Bahamas after major hurricanes. In his work, he's everywhere a tourist doesn't want to be.

Closer to Home
The News Review thanks Hourihan for taking out time from a busy and committed life to talk to its reporter and to Schuster for her informative Post story and being so helpful making the connection.

While it may arguably not compare to the fanfare of a Nobel Peace Prize, both have received a standing invitation to tour the News Review's Community Center newsroom. It is situated in what was quite likely Hourihan's kindergarten classroom.



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(these being, Hamilton Cemetery and Hamilton Homestead); the removal of wisteria patches and their conversion into open gardens; and, the management of invasive plant species along the garden edges. After five years, the area would be reassessed for further management. Trees casting shade standing above 50 feet and 70 feet, depending on the area, were the ones mostly earmarked for removal.

In the opinion of FPAB member John Paul Schmidt and GCGC member Stephanie Warner, who presented their analysis, the number of trees removed would not impinge destructively upon the FP as a whole. Schmidt felt that the mandate given by council was to ensure the long-term future of both the FP and the gardens, thus requiring a compromise. Warner said that the removal of trees was carefully considered and not taken lightly. Warner explained that her data were thorough and objective and done through the use of a Solar Pathfinder instrument, which can determine exactly the amount of sun to a specific location over the course of a year. The project would likely be done in phases over the course of several years, said Schmidt. Warner stressed that the health of the gardens and the FP was of equal imperative.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts was adamant that not a single tree be cut and that other options should be studied, citing shrinking of acreage over time, environmental degradation and the maglev threat. He expressed frustration over the frequent attacks to the FP over the years through proposed development. He suggested an adjoining, treeless city property along Mandan Road be converted to gardens as it currently lies unused.

Resident Mary Ann Canter echoed his sentiments, informing on the many benefits that trees provide such as oxygen production, lowering of air temperature, soil stabilization and erosion prevention, carbon sequestration, pollution control and a general boost to mental well-being. The combined financial loss from roughly 160 trees being cut is estimated at \$8 million.

Resident Clara King pointed out what she called an “exaggeration” in the report in regard to the amount of sun needed to grow various plants, citing data provided by the Maryland Extension Service, which indicated lower necessary amounts of sun than was presented in the report.

The idea of doing a pilot program over a small area was put forth by Councilmember Judith Davis and some of the experts

at the meeting, such as NASA scientist Keith Jahoda.

Warner laid out a plan for a forest garden in the southern plot of the Gardenway gardens that would include plants suited to shade and the removal of invasive species to be replaced with native flora. Her main goal would be to attract pollinating and beneficial insect species along with songbirds, with the human yield a secondary concern. With a budget and plenty of volunteer assistance, the work could move along sooner than not.

Director of Public Works Jim Sterling indicated that he felt his department could handle most of what the report proposed quickly, in-house and within budget with perhaps some need for outside contracting in the removal of the taller trees. He awaited approval from council on a plan in order to provide a cost estimate. Overall, he was very impressed with the plan.

Warner and GCGC member Bob Trumbule emphasized the significant percentage of produce derived from the gardens that was part of GCGC gardeners’ yearly diet. Skillful techniques allow growth all year long.

Davis hoped for a trip to the FP and gardens when the trees are in leaf to get a better assessment of the situation. She broached the idea only of cutting back limbs for the moment, which Sterling indicated could be done without adverse effect to the trees. She felt that any action taken would best be postponed as it is not part of the current year’s budget.

Trumbule informed council that the gardens were never conceived as a separate entity from the FP, acknowledging that compromise was part of the plan to preserve both and that both required a unique form of management.

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want to make the city more pollinator friendly. We are grateful to Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll and the Department of Public Works for working so hard to help protect Greenbelt’s environment and to educate the public on the importance of pollinators for plants, food and the ecosystem as a whole.”

“We are thrilled that the city council shares our vision to promote a healthy and beautiful Greenbelt by supporting pollinator habitat and joining the Bee City USA movement,” said Xochitl Zamora-Thompson and Erica Hernandez, who played a leading role in the campaign as the co-chairs for the Pollinator Circle.

“The program aspires to make people more PC – pollinator conscious, that is,” said Scott Hoffman Black, Xerces’ executive director. “If lots of individuals and communities begin planting native, pesticide-free flowering trees, shrubs and perennials, it will create large-scale change for many, many species of pollinators.”

“How each city completes the steps to conserve pollinators is up to them,” said Bee City USA Coordinator Molly Martin. “To maintain their certification, each affiliate is expected to report on their achievements and celebrate being a Bee City USA affiliate every year.”

Each affiliate should hold public awareness activities; publicly acknowledge the commitment to the program through a standing committee, signage and web links; and prepare an annual report on habitat enhancement activities.

Bee City USA especially encourages school gardens and educational programs for children.

Greenbelt has designated the Pollinator Circle the facilitating committee for the city’s efforts to engage the community in promoting pollinator conservation.

The Pollinator Circle, a subcommittee of GreenACES, meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month and invites all residents of Greenbelt to offer their ideas for pollinator-friendly initiatives. The more people and organizations involved, the sooner pollinator declines will be reversed.

For more information about Greenbelt’s Bee City USA program, contact Carpenter-Driscoll at kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov.

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Food and Friendship Comes Delivered Right to the Door

by Amy Hansen

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Greenbelt Recreation marked one year of delivering meals to seniors who used to come to the Community Center on weekdays for the Food and Friendship program. “On average, it is between 35 and 45 seniors who receive the meals,” said Therapeutic Recreation Supervisor Rebekah Sutfin. “The meals are exactly what our Food and Friendship program would receive if we were open, just frozen.”

The program, sponsored by the Prince George’s County Senior Nutrition Program, sends Greenbelt a week’s worth of frozen meals every Friday. Some seniors pick up their meals, while Sutfin and Brian Butler, recreation coordinator at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, deliver to others.

“We only deliver to Greenbelt residents,” Sutfin noted, but added, “We have delivered to seniors that were not part of our program, but are in need of food.”

In addition to food, Sutfin and Butler deliver activity bags seasonally. The bags, she said, are filled with fun and useful items.

The delivery is a joyful process in a difficult year, Sutfin said. “We have met so many seniors and built positive relationships. We know that the seniors needed this as much as we do!”



Food and Friendship delivers to the Downs family.



Rebekah Sutfin loads boxes of frozen meals. This week marks the one year anniversary of Food and Friendship taking to the road.



Rebekah Sutfin carries boxes of frozen meals out to be delivered. Sutfin works with Brian Butler to get the lunches to the seniors in the Food and Friendship program.

- Photos by Jennifer Sterling



An alert mockingbird perches on a bush.

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A pileated woodpecker drills a hole looking for lunch.

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Sunset lights up the clouds over colorful 11 Court Ridge.

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One Year On

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